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- [Special Education Finance](#)
- Oversees state special education budget
- Oversees LEA reimbursement and grants management
- Manages Part B reimbursement
- Oversees regional program rate setting and reimbursement

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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- Director, [Office of Special Education](#)
- Coordinates special education State Improvement Plan and grants
- Provides technical assistance on special education
- Manages Training/Technical Assistance Centers grants
- Coordinates Special Education Council
- Serves as statewide contact for [State Special Education Advisory Committee](#)
- Serves as statewide contact for interagency Council for Early Intervention services (Part C Liaison)

Dr. Robin Barton (804) 225-2700

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- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 6](#) & [Region 7](#)
- Serves as statewide contact for [special education secondary transition](#)
- Serves as liaison to Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services
- Serves as Coordinator, Virginia's Intercommunity Transition Council
- Provides Department of Education management for PERT

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- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 2](#) & [Region 3](#)
- Manages preschool grants under [IDEA](#), Part B, Section 619
- Serves as statewide contact for
 - Early childhood/preschool special education

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- Manages federal special education data reporting
 - December 1 Child Count
 - Personnel Employed and Needed Report
 - Exit Report
 - Placement Report
 - Discipline Report
 - Verification of Child Count and Placement Data
 - Biennial Report
- Assists with Annual Crime and Violence/Special Education Discipline Report
- Provides technical assistance to localities in maintenance of data systems
- Assists with assessing disproportionality in identification and placement
- Provides special education technical assistance
- Oversees transfer of MHMR funds/basic aid

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- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 6](#) & [Region 7](#)
- Leads and serves on Academic Review teams with a focus on identifying and resolving systemic areas impacting instruction and services for students with disabilities.

Sharon Siler (804) 225-2711

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- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 2](#) & [Region 3](#)
- Serves as statewide contact for
 - Autism
 - Orthopedic impairment
 - Severe disabilities
 - Multiple disabilities
 - Deaf-blind
 - Assistive technology
 - Alternate assessment

Harley Tomey (804) 371-8283

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- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 4](#) & [Region 5](#)
- Serves as statewide contact for
 - Learning disabilities
 - Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD or ADHD)
- Provides technical assistance for
 - IEP Development
 - SOL & VSAP assessments of students with disabilities

Irene Walker-Bolton (804) 225-2709 ibolton@mail.vak12ed.edu

- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 4](#) & [Region 5](#)
- Serves as statewide contact for
 - Emotional disturbance and behavior disorders
 - Functional behavioral assessment
 - Behavioral intervention plans and positive behavior supports

Chet C. Walrod (804) 786-9775 cwalrod@mail.vak12ed.edu

- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 1](#) & [Region 8](#)
- Oversees [homebound instruction](#)
- Coordinates special education Annual Plan process
- Serves as statewide contact for mental retardation

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OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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- Director, [Office of Student Services](#)
- VDOE representative on the State Local Advisory Team of the Comprehensive Services Act
- Provides technical assistance in student services and special education including:
 - Speech-language impairment, hearing impairment, including interpreters
 - Comprehensive Services Act – www.csa.state.va.us
- [Superintendents-Judges Liaison Committee](#)
- Supports DOE representative to Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee

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- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 1](#) & [Region 8](#)
- Provides technical assistance for education programs in local & regional jails
- VDOE contact for child abuse and neglect
- VDOE liaison with Departments of [Correctional Education](#), [Juvenile Justice](#) and [Corrections](#)

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- Provides technical assistance regarding [Medicaid](#) billing in schools
- Approves Medicaid provider qualifications

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- Student Services Specialist
- Provides technical assistance for
 - [School psychology](#) programs
 - Visiting teacher/[school social work](#) programs
 - [Mediation](#)
- Manages Instructional Support Team initiative
- Sits on State Child Fatality Team

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- Special Education Improvement Grant futures scanning assistant

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- [Guidance Counseling Specialist](#)
- Provides technical assistance for guidance and counseling K-12

Judy Hudgins (804) 371-7421

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- Educator representative on state parent resource team
- Co-coordinates establishment and maintenance of local parent resource centers and provision of training and technical [assistance to parents](#), including dissemination of the [Parent's Guide to Special Education](#)
- Provides technical assistance to localities regarding local special education advisory committees

Vacant

- School Health Specialist
- Manages cooperative agreement with [Centers for Disease Control](#) for HIV/AIDS prevention education
- Coordinates collection of data for School Health Advisory Board and School Health Education Profile reports
- Provides technical assistance in the area of comprehensive and coordinated school health programs
- Serves as statewide contact for
 - HIV/AIDS education
 - School Health Advisory Boards
 - Family life education

Marsha Owens (804) 225-2928

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- Student Services Specialist
- Oversees Project YES (dropout prevention) grants and truancy reduction grants
- Manages Virginia Character Education Grant
- Provides technical assistance in the areas of
 - [Student conduct policy](#)
 - Conflict mediation/peer mediation
 - [School safety](#), including school safety audits
 - School resource officers
 - [Character education](#)
 - Violence prevention
- Prepares reports of crime and violence

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- CDC Grant Assistant

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- [School Health Specialist](#)
- Provides technical assistance and training in areas of
 - School health
 - School nursing
- Serves as VDOE liaison to [Virginia Association of School Nurses](#) and Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Manages School/Community Health Grants and School Health Incentive Fund Grants

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- [Mediation](#) specialist
- Manages Virginia's special education mediation system

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- Parent representative on statewide parent team
- Manages "800" special education telephone line **(1-800-422-2083)**
- Co-coordinates establishment and maintenance of local parent resource centers and provision of training and technical [assistance to parents](#), including dissemination of the [Parent's Guide to Special Education](#)

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- Assistant Training Specialist – Family Life Education (HIV/STD/Teen Pregnancy)

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Homeless Education

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OFFICE OF STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS

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- Provides statewide contact for vision impairment

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- Supervises education programs in
 - Local and regional detention homes
 - State mental health hospitals
 - State medical hospitals
 - [Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center](#)
- Supervises education consultants in state health clinics

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OFFICE OF DUE PROCESS AND COMPLAINTS

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- Director, [Office of Due Process and Complaints](#)
- Coordinates the due process and complaints systems
- Provides technical assistance on special education and 504 law and regulations, due process, complaints, and mediation
- Liaisons to the Special Education Directors Council
- Coordinates with the Assistant Attorney General matters related to the due process and complaints systems

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- Due process specialist
- Assists with functions related to the due process system
- Responds to inquiries related to special education law and regulations, and the due process system.
- Coordinates the office's Annual Report sections on due process

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- Senior complaints specialist
- Investigates and determines findings on complaints
- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 2](#) and [Region 3](#)
- Responds to inquiries related to special education law and regulations

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- Complaints specialist
- Investigates and determines findings on complaints
- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 6](#) and [Region 7](#)
- Responds to inquiries related to special education law and regulations

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- Senior complaints specialist
- Investigates and determines findings on complaints
- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 1](#) and [Region 8](#)
- Coordinates information and responses to the IDEA Reauthorization process
- Responds to inquiries related to special education law and regulations

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- Senior complaints specialist
- Investigates and determines findings on complaints
- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 4](#) and [Region 5](#)
- Responds to inquiries related to special education law and regulations
- Assists Director in coordinating case assignments and other office duties in director's absence.
- Coordinates the office's Annual Report sections on complaints.

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- Senior complaints specialist
- Investigates and determines findings on complaints
- Provides special education technical assistance to [Region 2](#) and [Region 3](#)
- Responds to inquiries related to special education law and regulations

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